OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY

COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA

JOYCE E. DUDLEY District Attorney



DA 10-383 RELEASE NUMBER

October 14, 2016

RELEASE DATE

Jujee E. Parelley

APPROVED BY JOYCE E. DUDLEY, DISTRICT ATTORNEY

Brian Cota, Senior Deputy District Attorney
CONTACT PERSON (805) 568-2424

*****PRESS RELEASE****

October 14, 2016

Re: People v. Pamela Cochran-Escalante; Case No. 1498519

Santa Barbara County District Attorney Joyce E. Dudley announced today that a former Medical Staff Services Supervisor at Santa Barbara Cottage Hospital appeared in Santa Barbara Superior Court for arraignment on embezzlement charges. These charges are in connection with the theft of over \$200,000 from the Medical Staff Association of Santa Barbara Cottage Hospital, an unincorporated association. Pamela Cochran-Escalante is charged with one count of grand theft with the special allegation that she took over \$200,000, one count of forgery of signatures, and one count of forgery or alteration of entries in a general ledger.

The case will be prosecuted by Senior Deputy District Attorney Brian Cota.

* * * * *